

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended):

A method for shipping temperature-sensitive goods comprising the steps of:

receiving, as a provider of insulated shipping containers, an order from a customer

for ~~[[a]]~~ one or more insulated shipping container containers each having a

means for thermally managing the contents of the container, such means

occupying none of the space within the container in which the goods being

shipped are contained ~~designed to hold temperature-sensitive goods;~~

ascertaining from the order an appropriate number of ~~appropriately-sized~~ containers

needed by the customer;

delivering the ascertained appropriate number of ~~appropriately-sized~~ containers to

the customer;

customer loading of the goods into the ~~container~~ containers;

customer selecting the proper ~~determining alternative~~ logistical solutions means for

delivering the goods ~~based on constraints dictated by the customer~~;

~~allowing the customer to select the logistical solution by which the goods will be~~

~~delivered from the determined alternative logistical solutions;~~

customer implementing a shipping schedule for the loaded containers based on the

logistical solution selected by the customer;

initiating the process of having ~~undertaking to deliver~~ the goods delivered to a

desired designated location according to the shipping schedule;

monitoring, via wireless communication ~~shipping tracking data~~, real-time data
regarding temperature events occurring within the containers and the
geographic location of the containers ~~the undertaking to deliver the goods~~
~~according to the shipping schedule~~;

maintaining communication access to the shipment tracking data;

~~delivering the goods to the desired destination~~;

~~unloading the shipping container~~;

retrieving the ~~container~~ containers; and

making the ~~container~~ containers ready for future use.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended):

The method of claim 1 in which the initiating the process of having the goods delivered
~~undertaking to deliver the goods~~ is performed by the customer.

Claims 4-10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Currently Amended):

The method of claim 1 in which the making the ~~container~~ containers ready for future use
includes ~~cleaning the container~~ conditioning the means for thermally managing the contents of the
containers.

Claim 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Currently Amended):

The method of claim [[1]] 11 in which ~~the making~~ conditioning the means is the container
~~ready for future use includes~~ cooling of a heat [[sink]] storage material.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended):

The method of claim [[1]] 11 in which ~~the making~~ conditioning the means is the container
~~ready for future use includes~~ heating of a heat source material.